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INFORMATION RECORDING MEDIUM,  
AND APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR  
RECORDING INFORMATION TO  
INFORMATION RECORDING MEDIUM  
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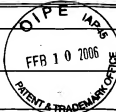
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